Dick Rye, phone call of 1/26/74 HW 1/26/74

Says he has located the man he once knew who so strongly resembled Oswald.

Jerry Bryant, 1932 S. Broadway, Denver, Colo. 733-8803 as of 30 days ago. Moves around much. Accountant, does tax work, was Mafiosa connected. ye's source "former Mafiosa" in Denver allegedly called by Bryant to see if he wants B to do his tax returns again.

Rye claims to have known Bryant in Denver in last half 1971. B went to Mexico quite a bit.

B was accountant with SBA in Dallas 11/22/63. Beginning 30 days later, when he was fired, he had "file" trouble, apparently from being taken for Oswald double.

R says B says he has twin brother who looks even more like LHO. (mid-30s)

Moves around constantly, even during tax season.

Says he wonders if B is nut. Has deteriorating mind. Asks, is screwball?

Agreed to my telling Nat Enquirer about the Oswald double and all the trouble it has meant for him. I suggested he ask Harv Morgan or Jim Eason to do beepers be he had not reacted so I made this proposal.

He had told me of this on earlier call but lacked the specifics he provided today.

Has doubts about Jonn Christian. Saw him at a law firm in business district where Jonn seemed to belong but where nobody paid any attention to him. Says he will try to get name, address, etc. Can remember himself because it has been so lonf but will ask Ron Zimmerman. Zimmerman is fighting a leg cancer. Had owned Magic Mushroom. Now owns The Score. He told me for the first time that the man from whom he got the story of the Mafia threat against Garrison had really been looking for Jonn and spoke to him when Jonn was not available. I think it is Harv Morgan who told me that long ago. Assuming this to be true - and he could have been Harv's source - why Jonn? Part of intended feed to me? Harv would have been best then. It would have been no trick for those wanting to know to known a) that I was in N.O. and b) that JG had his speaking engagement, which surely was advertised.

In general, the last he heard of Jonn is exactly what I had. Strong hint he has some kind of connections but nothing definite. J claimed news connection with Kaiser Broadcasting when they started their UHF station in San Francisco.

R is to call Hal Verb and get the address of the place Jonn shared with a woman on Pacific Avenue and see if the copies of O in NO are still there. J had said he left them there but had also refused to get them shipped back after I arranged shipping. Said he knows Hal so I gave him phone number.

Dick Rye called back abt 4:30 our time 1/26/74 to report having spoken directly to Bryant and that he is now living and working out of 644 Sherman, Denver 80203, 861-0913. Said his purpose to be sure B not about to skip. B claims he was in San Antinio, not Dallas, ~~8/22/xx~~ 11/22/63. "Seems to be doing better now." Rye thinks he has something going on in Mexico City but not to know what. Remembers now that when they lived together their landlady told him that some "professional looking" men were looking for Bryant.

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